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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: )  
Applicants: Giovanni DE MARTIN )  
Ser. No.: 10/629,629 )Group Art Unit: still unknown  
Filed: July 30, 2003 )Examiner: Unknown  
For: Mechanical device particularly for... )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington D.C. 20231 USA

Sir,

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Applicant herewith encloses copies of the prior art references which have been cited in the European Search Report issued for the counterpart European Patent Application which contains subject matter equivalent to that of the present application. The references submitted herewith for consideration are listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

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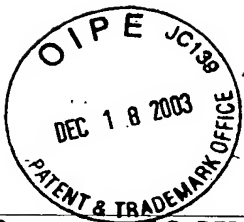
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Respectfully submitted,

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